

Universal PreKindergarten Mixed Delivery Planning Grant

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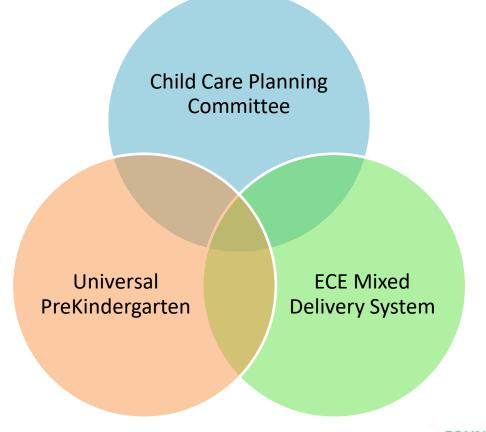
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What is the Role of Child Care Planning in Universal PreKindergarten?



UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Grant



Universal PreKindergarten (UPK) Planning Grant

- Established to expand access universally to preschool programs for 3and 4-year-old children through a mixed-delivery system.
- \$18.3 million allocated across California.
- Funding from FY 22-23 through FY 24-25.
- Local Planning Councils (LPCs) and Resource and Referral Agencies (R&Rs) are eligible.
- LA County LPC & R&R's agreed that LPC would apply.
- Letter of Intent (LOI) was submitted on December 5, 2022.
- Funding formula will be based on:
 - Total number of 3- and 4-year-olds in the county.
 - Number of 3- and 4-year-olds not in subsidized care.
 - Number of 3- and 4-year-olds with exceptional needs.

Definitions - UPK Grant



Universal Preschool

 A program that offers part-day, or full-day, or both educational programs for 3- and 4-year-old children and may be offered through a mixed delivery system.

Mixed Delivery

- System of early childhood education services that are delivered through a variety of providers, programs, and settings including:
 - Head Start agencies or delegate agencies funded under Head Start
 - Public, private, or proprietary agencies, including community-based organizations, public schools and LEAs, that offer center-based child care and preschool programs
 - Tribal childcare and preschool
 - Family child care through a family childcare home education network

Required Activities - UPK Grant



Grant Activities:

- **Coordinate** with the LA County Office of Education (LACOE).
- Form a single local workgroup.
- Plan for, but not directly fund, UPK options in a mixed delivery system.
- Plan for increasing inclusion of children with exceptional needs in UPK.
- Plan for workforce development.
- Provide outreach services and enrollment support to meet needs of families.
- Plan for, align and coordinate the plans, with all LEAs that received funding under California PreKindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Program.
- Partner with tribes as sovereign nations.
- Develop a plan before June 30, 2023.



Allowable Uses of Funds - UPK Grant



Child Care Planning Committee (LPC)

Facilitate and coordinate discussions of the local workgroup.

Special Education

Coordinate with special education local and regional partners

Quality Start LA/ Workforce Pathways

Partner with the local Quality Counts California to support the workforce.

FCCHENS

Establish partnerships with ECE providers and Family Child Care Home Education Networks

Parent Engagement

Assess parental preferences and need for access to available high-quality UPK



Next Steps - UPK Grant



January 2023

Apply:

 RFA will be released from the California Department of Education (CDE).

Engage:

 Child Care Planning Committee will launch planning conversations.

Align:

 OAECE, LACOE, and R&Rs will explore alignment with UPK the Planning and Implementation Template.





What are your reflections, ideas, and questions?